



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1115

Introduced by: **Representative Gosch**

1 **An Act to revise the qualifications of Game, Fish and Parks commissioners.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That § 41-2-2 be AMENDED.

4 **41-2-2. Farmer members--Residence--Gross income requirements.**

5 Not more than ~~four of the game, fish and parks commissioners may be members~~  
 6 ~~of the same political party, and, at~~ At the time of their appointment, at least four game,  
 7 fish and parks commissioners shall be farmers actually residing on a farm or working  
 8 primarily on a farm, engaged in agriculture, deriving at least two-thirds of their gross  
 9 annual incomes from crop or livestock production or both, and interested in wildlife  
 10 conservation. At the time of ~~their appointment,~~ three commissioners shall reside west of  
 11 the Missouri River and five shall reside east of the Missouri River.

12 **Section 2.** That § 41-2-3 be AMENDED.

13 **41-2-3. Terms of office of commissioners--Annual appointments--**  
 14 **Restrictions on appointments.**

15 The term of office of the game, fish and parks commissioners is four years. The  
 16 Governor shall preserve:

17 ~~(1) An~~ an arrangement of length of terms whereby two members have terms expiring  
 18 each year;

19 ~~(2) A rotation of terms between the republican and democratic parties.~~

20 The expiration of terms occurs on the tenth day of January of each year, and all  
 21 required appointments ~~shall~~ must be made by the first day of March. The appointments  
 22 ~~shall~~ must fill all vacancies on the commission arising either by expiration of term or from  
 23 any other cause.

1           No person may serve on the commission for more than eight years. ~~However, if~~ If the  
2           person's first appointment is for two years, the person may be reappointed thereafter for  
3           no more than two additional four-year terms.